

## **Blueprint for Health Workgroup and Leader Guidance document**

### **Blueprint Overview:**

The Vermont Blueprint for Health is a public private partnership developed to address the changes required to improve the current health care delivery system, using a proactive approach for management of chronic conditions - the Chronic Care Model (CCM) - as the framework for change.

### **Problem Statement:**

- The existing health care system in Vermont does not support efficient and effective utilization and delivery of health care resources, outcome management, and quality of life.

### **Vision Statement:**

Vermont will have a comprehensive, proactive system of care that improves the quality of life for people with or at risk for chronic conditions.

- The Blueprint will utilize the Chronic Care Model (CCM) as the framework for the required system changes.
- The Blueprint will utilize a public – private partnership to facilitate and assure sustainability of the new system of care.
- The Blueprint will coordinate with other statewide initiatives to assure alignment of health care reform efforts.

### **Workgroup Overview:**

The role of the workgroup leaders is to provide expert consultation and guide the workgroup planning process for the specific CCM focus area of responsibility – IT, Self-Management, Community Activation and Support, Provider Practice, or Health System – with the leadership and support of the Blueprint Executive Director and designated staff, to assure efforts are consistent with the vision, and that plans are integrated across workgroups. Plans are based on Blueprint priorities, national and state specific data and recognized best practice standards, where they exist. Issues which fall outside the scope of the workgroups will be referred to the Executive Director for resolution. Implementation efforts will be managed by each workgroup's assigned Project Manager.

### **Role of the Workgroup Leaders:**

- Be knowledgeable of the Blueprint vision and an ambassador for the initiative
- Convene and lead workgroup discussion related to Blueprint priorities and proposed work plan; establish regular meeting schedule with the workgroup, assign tasks to members as appropriate and create and maintain communication links with the workgroup membership on plan progress (Management and administrative support available from Blueprint for coordination of these efforts).
- Solicit input and expertise of members related to plan and evaluate strategy, including gaps in plan or requirements for adjustment of course, based on pilot efforts.
- Participate in regularly scheduled meetings with the Director or Project Management staff via phone calls, meetings and/or e-mail to assure coordination and communication of successes, barriers/gaps and engage in problem resolution efforts, to assure coordinated implementation efforts for goal achievement.
- Participate in monthly meetings with Workgroup Leaders to assure communication, collaboration and coordination of activities and progress across workgroups/focus areas.
- Assess requirements for implementation and evaluation of overall plan and recommend on associated financial requirements for effective rollout.
- Assist in development of evaluation criteria and approach for project monitoring in tandem with assigned Project Manager and consistent with work plan requirements – both statewide and within pilot locations.

- Facilitate decision making process using consensus approach whenever possible, to assure stakeholder support. In instances where agreement cannot be reached by consensus, workgroups will present options to the Director and Executive Committee, who will serve as the arbiter.

### **Role of Workgroup Members:**

Members of the workgroups are key assets in effective implementation and evaluation. Members consist of partner organizations and key stakeholders including both non-profit and for-profit service providers as well as consumer advocates.

Specific tasks provided by the workgroup membership include:

- Provide expert consultation in focus area ( IT, Self-Management, Community, Provider Practice, Health System).
- Advise and recommend on proposed plan(s) and activities to achieve goals and objectives.
- Assist in evaluation of pilot efforts.
- Identify gaps and/or barriers to plan implementation.
- Actively support approved work plan and projects.
- Identify and recommend funding opportunities for specific workgroup initiatives.
- Function as a liaison to partner organization(s) represented, to facilitate communication and coordination regarding Blueprint efforts.
- Advocate for and integrate Blueprint work within home organizations as well as with constituents and external partners.
- Provide critical feedback to workgroup leaders regarding issues which may effect successful implementation, including specific feedback regarding pilot communities.